



# Howard County IEP

## What?

There is a **new** web-based, Howard County Individualized Educational Program (IEP)!

## Why?

In response to parent requests, the Maryland State Department of Education has required that each county use the same IEP format across the state.

## When?

Beginning **July 1, 2007**, every newly-developed IEP must use the common Maryland State IEP format.

## How?

HCPSS working with Maximus, a commercial vendor, has developed the Howard County IEP. TIENET, a web-based IEP system, will replace MicroSSIS, our current computer-based system. Staff, teachers, and support/related service providers are learning to use TIENET to develop the Howard County IEP.

## Changes?

After July 1, 2007, parents will see the following changes:

- You and other participants in the meeting will not need to “sign-in”
- Names and title of those attending will be recorded
- Parent signature will only be required for the initial IEP
- Decisions made during the IEP team meeting will be written within the Howard County IEP document
- Documentation of IEP team decisions will be reviewed with you as you go through the meeting
- The IEP team meeting may initially require additional time as teams familiarize themselves with the new Howard County IEP and how to use TIENET
- You will receive a copy of the Howard County IEP (including the statements of documentation/discussion of decisions made) after the team has had the opportunity to make all revisions/changes reviewed during the IEP team meeting.